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## Defence counsel says KMT agent responsible for counterfeit U.S. notes

### Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rasch, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leyne, Messrs. J. H. G. Cooper, J. Dillon, K. K. McLeanahan, M. Zanetti, N. F. Webb, M. O. Liddell, E. G. Ladewig, A. R. Jones, F. Harper, and A. T. C. Kno.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wong, Miss D. Terriberry, Messrs. C. Mydans, K. S. Wong, J. F. Malone, W. Zadra, E. D. Sultan and D. L. Mobley.

Messrs. W. T. Wilson, E. F. O'Connor, and C. C. Wilson left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by CPA.

Arrivals from Manila yesterday by CPA included Mr. and Mrs. A. Tripp, Messrs. J. H. McLaren, L. Ferlata, and Lim Hu.

Captain and Mrs. Ian Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Mak Shui-chio of Everett Steamship Company, were guests at a cocktail party yesterday at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Rev. Fr. E. T. Oehler left for Manila yesterday by the ss. Patroclus.

Miss B. J. Bromage was among those who left the Colony yesterday by the ss. Hunan.

Mr. R. Fast boarded the ss. Hunan yesterday for Tientsin.

### Export licences for motor cars

Residents leaving Hong Kong and intending to take their cars out of the Colony permanently should obtain an Export Declaration or an Export Licence from the Department of Commerce and Industry. It was officially stated yesterday.

Licences are required only for hard currency areas.

It was officially added that one of the difficulties encountered by the Traffic Branch of the Police Department is that a number of residents take their cars out of the Colony when they go home, without notifying the Traffic Branch. As a result, the registration number of the vehicle remains on the register and cannot be re-issued until a chock has been made.

The Export Licence or Declaration should be sent by the owner to the Traffic Branch together with the Vehicle Registration Book. The Traffic Branch will sign the licence or declaration to indicate that the vehicle has been struck off the register, and the licence or declaration will then be returned by the owner to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

These arrangements apply only to vehicles which have been registered in the Colony. They do not apply to stocks of vehicles normally held by motor-dealers against orders from surrounding territories.

Residents who are taking their cars out of the Colony should ring Mr. J. W. Ferris on 38250 if they are in doubt as to the procedure.

### INNES RETIRING FROM C AND W

Cables and Wireless, Limited, announced yesterday that Mr. John Innes, CB, Managing Director of Cable and Wireless, Limited, will retire from that post on March 31.

Major-General L. B. Nicholls, CB, CBE, has been appointed to succeed him as Managing Director of the Company.

An underground agent of the Chinese Nationalist Government was the person responsible for the presence of the US\$631,950 in counterfeit currency recently uncovered here, it was stated yesterday.

Mr. Percy Chen, defence counsel at the trial of three brothers charged with possession of the bills, told the jury that the agent, one Wong Chi-fong, had instructions to convey the notes out of Hong Kong.

This agent, counsel alleged, was using the accused to take the fake money to another country where he could dispose of it for higher exchange, or other transactions. The accused persons never knew the bills they were carrying were forged, he maintained.

The three brothers are Tam Kuen-ai, Tam Shueung, aged 45, Tam Chai-wo, aged 25, and Tam Chi-ping, aged 23, residing at 223 Jaffe Road, second floor.

They are standing trial on three counts of possession of forged banknotes without lawful authority or excuse, and one of possession of implements of forgery.

Mr. Justice Gould, Senior puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman are trying the case.

Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton are defending the first accused on the instructions of Mr. J. C. Stewart. Second and third accused are defended by Mr. D'Alton, alone, instructed by Mr. Stewart.

### Defects in notes

At the start of yesterday's session, Mr. Mak Chan-jun, teller of the National City Bank, an expert in dealing with banknotes, testified in detail as to the various defects in the forged US\$100 and \$50 notes, all of which had been previously examined at Police Headquarters.

"I understand from Bishop Hall that your association, the Juvenile Care Centre Committee, is launching an appeal for funds to establish a centre where juveniles can be kept. This facility would be of great assistance to this Court, and I trust your appeal will be successful."

After Mr. Mak was cross-examined, Mr. R. C. Terry, Government chemist, gave evidence on the identity of various chemicals and printing equipment found in the house of the first accused: To a suggestion from Mr. Chen that the forged bills might have been the job of a government mint in the Far East, Mr. Justice Gould interposed, saying witness obviously had no knowledge of government mints.

He agreed, however, that the printing on the whole was very good on the forged notes. The thing wrong about them was the low quality of paper used and the absence of the silk fibre which is woven into genuine American bills.

Following further prosecution evidence, Mr. Chen opened up the defense, in the course of which he maintained that the accused did not know the banknotes in question were forged. It was his suggestion that the man Wong Chi-fong, a Nationalist underground agent, was known to the police, that he was present at the court the day of the first and second accused's arrest and that he himself knew the origin of the notes and its nature.

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After corroborative evidence in this connection by the first accused in the box, hearing was adjourned until 10 p.m. today.

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### Supplementary appropriation

The Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$30,135,984 to defray the charges of the financial year ending March 31, 1949, passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

At the same session, two amending ordinances were also enacted. They were:

An Ordinance to amend the Air Armament Practice Ordinance 1948; and,

An Ordinance to amend the Defence (Firing Areas) Ordinance 1938.

The concert will start at 9 p.m. and will conclude about 11 p.m. Reservations for seats can now be made at the KCC.

### KCC CONCERT

Attractive entertainment is promised members of the Kowloon Cricket Club and their friends at the KCC, on Sunday night when the combined bands of HMS Triumph and HMS Jamaica will give a light orchestral concert.

The orchestra will be conducted by Mr. A. E. Stagg, Fleet Bandmaster.

One feature of the programme will be request numbers, and members who wish to have particular numbers played should write them on the board at the clubhouse before the concert.

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### RECORD OPUM HAUL

The Revenue Department made its record seizure of contraband opium yesterday on board a British ship.

A total of 38,000 taels of raw opium, valued at more than HK\$1,000,000 were found in the bunkers of the ss. Shanai.

No arrests were made.

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### ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by A. el Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. #3/50, dated March 31, 1950.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: April 4 to 10. Central Division: April 11 to 18.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: April 4 to 11. KYMCA Division: April 12 to 19. Macau Division: April 20 to 27. Motor Transport Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "A" and "B" Divisions: 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "C" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "D" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "E" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "F" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "G" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "H" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "I" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "J" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "K" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. Wan Chai "L" Division: Saturday, April 28. Repulse Bay, 9.30 and 1.45 pm. 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# BUDGET DEBATE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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"Unfortunately the high rate of Government expenditure is not a phenomenon peculiar to Hong Kong, but here it is largely due to the unsatisfactory political situation in South East Asia. Threats to law and order are increasing. We must at all costs meet these threats."

## Education, health

"Nevertheless, in spite of this, we are persevering in a modest way in the expansion of our social services such as education and health. This too cannot be accomplished without additional expenditure. It must be accepted, therefore, that so long as we pursue this policy there is no possibility whatever of reducing our administration costs."

"We could, of course, say to ourselves that much heavier expenditure on security measures being unavoidable, we must offset this by arresting all expansion of our social services and closing down completely some departments which, although perhaps not of prime importance, do certainly perform some useful function, for otherwise they would not have been created."

"That would be very well. If the wave of unrest which is now passing over the world were a merely temporary phenomenon, but experience since the close of active hostilities in 1945 does not suggest that this is the case."

"Therefore, to adopt the policy which I have just outlined would mean complete stagnation. That I am sure is not what the community really wants, but nevertheless I do fully agree that we should cut down expenditure wherever we possibly can."

"It is also clear that we cannot allow our expenditure to mount indefinitely, and there may come a time when some drastic cuts will be necessary."

"On the subject of possible immediate cuts, I was glad to see that Mr. T. N. Chau raised the question of the cost of uniforms. In the last couple of years the issue of uniforms has been cut down in various directions. Patterns of uniforms for the lower grades have been standardised and the majority are now made in the Prison."

"Some of the more elaborate types of uniform have been discontinued. The cost of uniforms exclusive of the Police Force and Defence Force included in the present estimates amount to \$M14,750 as compared with \$M54,645 in 1949/50 and \$M84,070 in

1948/49. Thus our efforts so far have resulted in a steady drop in the cost of uniforms amounting to \$70,220 over the last two years, in spite of the fact that costs have been steadily rising."

"The question of the cost of Government transport was also raised. This is high, amounting to \$2,257,905 as compared with \$2,303,350 for the year just closing. Thus again we have managed to effect a saving, this time of \$105,350, in spite of the fact that new departments such as the Essential Services Corps and Registration Service have come into being and that there has been a greater demand for transport in certain other directions. A committee was appointed last year to consider the whole question of Government transport and they have recommended an establishment which they consider is the minimum necessary to meet our requirements, and which represents a reduction of 42 vehicles."

## No reduction

"I do not think that we can contemplate any reduction beyond the figure which the committee have recommended, though some further reduction in pool vehicles may be a possibility in another six months or so."

"Several speakers have enquired about the results achieved by the visit of Mr. S. S. Ross, the Adviser on Office Organisation and Methods. Mr. Ross spent six months in the Colony which unfortunately only sufficed to enable him to carry out a thorough investigation of two departments, the Colonial Secretariat and the Public Works Department."

"The staff reductions in the Secretariat, which Mr. Ross proposed, have been rather upset by the expansion of the Defense branch and the need for supplying trained staff for new organisations connected with security, such as the Essential Services Corps and the Registration scheme."

"For this reason, it has not yet proved possible to carry out fully the reductions recommended, but the Secretariat staff has so far actually been reduced by three executive officers, seven clerks, five messengers and one driver, though of these, two executive officers and two clerks are still held against the Secretariat establishment, as they are required for employment in some of the new security organisations or are on leave."

"In the Public Works Department, the implementation of Mr. Ross' recommendations for reductions in staff is only in its early stages, but since September the services of 125 employees have been dispensed with. A further reduction of 200 employees is contemplated. Mr. Ross recommended more sweeping reductions than these, but no decision has yet been reached on number of proposals which appear to be open to objection while some, like the abolition of water meters with a consequent saving of staff amounting to some 200, have in view of the rather precarious water supply position not been accepted."

## Water supply

"Sir Man-kam Lo asked for a statement as to the steps Government had taken or were contemplating in regard to the improvement of the water supply. He made particular reference to the Tai Lam Chung scheme. This has been under discussion with the Secretary of State for some considerable time, and unfortunately detailed examination has revealed a number of rather serious objections, of which I will only mention two today."

"In the first place the scheme is of course expensive, the minimum expenditure being estimated at \$64,000,000 while if the whole scheme is carried out the expenditure would rise to the region of \$100,000,000. However, a much more formidable objection is the fact that the scheme would probably produce no appreciable quantity of water for seven years after full scale work had commenced."

"In these circumstances, a number of smaller, alternative schemes are being investigated including a much modified version of the Tai Lam Chung scheme, which, though not providing the storage capacity of the original scheme, would at least produce very much quicker results."

"The provision of water in the event of an emergency arising through a delay in the onset of the rainy season has been very closely studied, and developments in other countries in regard to the artificial production of rain are being watched with interest. Sir Man-kam Lo also commented on the fact that the total provision for the Social Welfare Office showed a reduction as compared with last year. Actually there has been an increase of more than \$50,000 under Personal Emoluments, but there has been a heavier decrease in the vote for welfare work."

"This vote covers the supply of free meals, where this is necessary, for the most vulnerable group in the community, expenditure on rehabilitation measures for these persons, and welfare work in respect of destitute children."

## Just sufficient

"I am assured that the vote as it stands is just sufficient to continue these measures on their present scale so long as they are restricted to persons who have some genuine claim upon the Colony."

"But if any disaster such as another big fire or typhoon should occur, the vote will certainly need supplementing and, if the necessity arises, I have no doubt that Finance Committee will agree to the provision of additional funds."

"I hope that Mr. P. S. Cassidy

proves to be right in his suggestion that the tax on electric signs will bring in much more than \$250,000. I must confess that I did not realise that the tax on any existing sign would work out to quite such a high figure as the one of \$11,400 which he quoted."

"The estimate of \$250,000 is based on a preliminary reconnaissance carried out by the Urban Council, but without actually measuring the signs it can only be a guess. The suggestion that the tax should be extended to hoardings and painted wall signs will be gone into."

"I was glad to see that several members agreed that the present position, with cost of living allowances amounting to two thirds of the cost of basic salaries was quite absurd, and that some measure of consolidation should be proceeded with."

"One Member hoped that such

measures would be discussed with employers generally and this suggestion will be borne in mind."

The hope was also expressed that the effect of the consolidation or

pensions would be given full weight and this naturally will be done."

## Pensions drop

"I would, however, take this opportunity of drawing attention to a point which is not generally realised. That is that the cost of pensions so far from having increased in the same proportion as other heads of the Estimates, has actually dropped from 7.1 per cent of the total expenditure in 1949 to 3.9 per cent for the coming year."

## Rapid change

"There has been some criticism that it is wrong to meet capital expenditure from current revenue. But have we really any alternative? We finally obtained the approval of the Boundary Commission for the issue of a Rehabilitation Loan amounting to \$150,000,000."

"Unfortunately, the situation changed rapidly and by the time this approval was received the favourable moment had largely passed."

"Nevertheless, we successfully issued \$50,000,000 worth of bonds more at that time. There was a moment later when a small issue could have been made, but certain Exchange Control difficulties in respect of the issue of bearer bonds could not be resolved at that time."

"I do not have to elaborate on the impossibility of floating any Government issue at a reasonable rate of interest on the local market at the present time. Balance of payment problems still make it necessary to keep to an absolute minimum the calls by Colonial Governments on the London market, and recourse to that market can only be cancelled in very rare cases, and then only if all other possible sources of finance have been fully utilized. "I hope that I have said enough to show that we have little option at the moment but to meet the capital expenditure from current revenue, and also to emphasise the importance of building up adequate reserves."

"We have already charged some \$113,000,000 to Loan Advances and by the end of 1950/51 this figure is expected to be increased to over \$137,000,000. We have so far only raised \$50,000,000 by the issue of bonds and have financed the balance of this Loan expenditure from our surpluses, thus saving very substantial sums in interest."

"As the immediate prospects of raising any further Loan are far from good, it is proposed to set off part of the surplus we have accumulated against the Loan advances. The extent to which this can be done will depend to some extent on the degree to which outstanding claims arising from the last war are satisfactorily settled at the forthcoming conference in London."

## Transfer of profits

"Mr. C. E. M. Terry suggested that the deficit might be covered by a transfer of part of the profits of the Supplies and Distribution Department trading account. The present procedure is to transfer to Revenue in arrears an amount equivalent to the full cost of operating the Department during the previous year, and I should hesitate to do more than this until the department is finally wound up."

"There are several reasons for this. One is that included in the Supplies and Distribution Suspense Account are sums derived from the sale of stores which were purchased from War Office funds and sent out here in the early days of the re-occupation. As no documents arrived when most of the consignments were received in those days, it is extremely difficult to determine which stores were paid for by His Majesty's Government and which were purchased from Hong Kong funds."

"Certain payments have been made to the War Office on account in respect of stores which were obviously purchased from their funds, but what further sums are due is open to question. I hope that it may be possible to reach some final settlement when I am in London, as obviously the matter can only be dealt with on a rough and ready basis."

"A further point is that when the revaluation of sterling took place we might have incurred a very heavy exchange loss on our Japanese trading account. By

taking prompt action we avoided

any loss, but one never knows

what new development may occur in the future. It appears to be more prudent, therefore, to wait until the department is finally wound up before making any transfers to revenue over and above the annual cost of operation of the Department."

"I have been gratified to find

that to do this by an increase in the standard rate of tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance is inequitable as only some 100,000 persons out of a population of 2,000,000 pay this tax. As one Member aptly put it, it seems wrong for the comparative few to bear the cost of providing security for the many."

**Some sympathy**

"I have some sympathy with this viewpoint, and I can assure you that Government has devoted much time to devising a means to ensure that persons flocking into the Colony, to take advantage of the security and facilities provided, should make some contribution towards the cost of its administration. It is extremely difficult to exact any adequate contribution from the class of rich refugees, as they are mostly living on capital and are therefore only affected by indirect taxation."

"Perhaps I may be permitted to take up a little of Council's time to discuss very briefly some of the problems presented by a head tax. My experiences lead me to believe that this system is only possible in a partly developed country. It might be possible by making payment of the tax a condition of the validity of a passport to collect it from substantial numbers of people, but there will always be large numbers who are unwilling or unable to pay."

"You could not imprison them for non-payment as this would cost more than the tax. They must, therefore, be provided with means of working off their tax and this would prove difficult in Hong Kong, though the levelling of a bill might be a suitable task."

"Nevertheless, we successfully issued \$50,000,000 worth of bonds more at that time. There was a moment later when a small issue could have been made, but certain Exchange Control difficulties in respect of the issue of bearer bonds could not be resolved at that time."

"Unfortunately, it would be beyond human power to locate tax defaulters and to ensure that they actually did work off their tax and once this was realised, non-payment would become general."

## Landing tax considered

"The possibility of imposing some sort of landing tax on travellers arriving by rail, sea or air has been considered, but has been rejected owing to the many difficulties to which it would give rise. It will not go into details, but one complication is that market can only be cancelled in very rare cases, and then only if all other possible sources of finance have been fully utilized. "I hope that I have said enough to show that we have little option at the moment but to meet the capital expenditure from current revenue, and also to emphasise the importance of building up adequate reserves."

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"It will not take up the time of Council by outlining the various objections of many of the others, but I will be happy to explain them in detail to anyone who may be interested. Perhaps, however, I should say that the question of a purchase tax has been considered in consultation with experts in the United Kingdom, who are leading authorities on the subject, and who have advised a number of delegations from other Governments. They agree that such a tax could not be worked satisfactorily in conditions such as exist in Hong Kong."

"It has been suggested that we should increase our duties on liquor and tobacco as an alternative to raising our direct taxation. The point about this is that Hong Kong is a free port and an entrepot. Our concern is that goods which are landed here or are manufactured here should be exported as soon as possible to other countries."

"In some cases, the goods exported have already paid our local duty and, from time to time, because of unstable conditions, no drawback is claimed. But if our local duty is too high these goods will no longer be acceptable on these terms. Moreover we must be very careful to see that our duties do not reach a point where it will become profitable to re-introduce into Hong Kong cigarettes—for example—which have been exported from bond to a neighbouring country."

## Lock of staff

"Being a free port, we do not have a large preventive staff to discourage this sort of thing, and if our duty paid exports dry up and we have to pay a greatly increased preventive staff to prevent goods exported from bond coming back here, we shall indeed be in a sorry state."

"These remarks apply to some extent to liquor and there is also the point that a high rate of duty on Chinese liquor would give a great stimulus to the establishment of illicit stills, in respect of which we are having quite enough trouble already."

"As regards an increase in the petrol tax, I am sure that on reflection it will be realised that the cost of petrol is an important item in all distribution costs and this affects food prices and building charges. Our tax on petrol is already one of the highest in the Empire and I am afraid that any increase would only result in a loss of revenue favourably on our cost of living."

"We, therefore, seem to be lost with two measures capable of producing a substantial yield, an increase in the standard rate of tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and the suggestion made by Mr. Leo D'Almada of a business registration tax. We have, of course, considered this latter proposal before, though admittedly not on the quill of the same lines. The Member will, I am sure, not object to my saying that he was not at that time particularly enamoured with the scheme."

"Now, however, it seems to be agreed that we should have a complete registration of the names of all the partners of firms including their aliases. This indeed would be a very valuable step forward and would do much to put a stop to the kind of evasion to which I referred when moving the first reading of the Appropriation Bill."

"There are believed to be some 21,000 businesses in operation of which some 12,000 appear to make less than \$7,000 a year in profit, and are thus not liable to profits tax. While I appreciate that persons who already pay profits tax will prefer to pay a business registration fee of \$200 rather than have the rate of tax increased, I cannot imagine that this 12,000 who do not pay profits tax at the moment will be particularly enthusiastic over this new levy."

"On the other hand, these traders, although their businesses are small, ones are benefiting substantially from the security which the Colony offers. It is not therefore unreasonable that those 12,000 traders should be required to pay a comparatively small amount towards the cost of maintaining that security."

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## Reminders

### Today

Pharmaceutical Society, general meeting and lecture by Mr. N. J. Whelpton, at Medical headquarters, 8.15 p.m.

HK Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's board room, 12 noon.

HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call, 8 p.m.

HK Club, annual and extraordinary meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon-meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Amoy Canning Corporation statutory meeting, 12 noon.

Classical Music Concert, by Ricci Hall Students Association at Ricci Hall, 4.30 p.m.

Causeway Bay Kalfong Welfare Promotion Committee, inaugural meeting, Ying King Restaurant, 3 p.m.

British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK International Women's Club, informal dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.

Ricci Hall Students Association, Classical Concert, at Ricci Hall, 5.15 p.m.

## Coming Events

### TOMORROW

Women's Section, European YMCA, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.

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Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of March 24, 1950 or from the Crown Lands &amp; Survey Office.

E. A. BOYCE, Director of Public Works, March 20, 1950.

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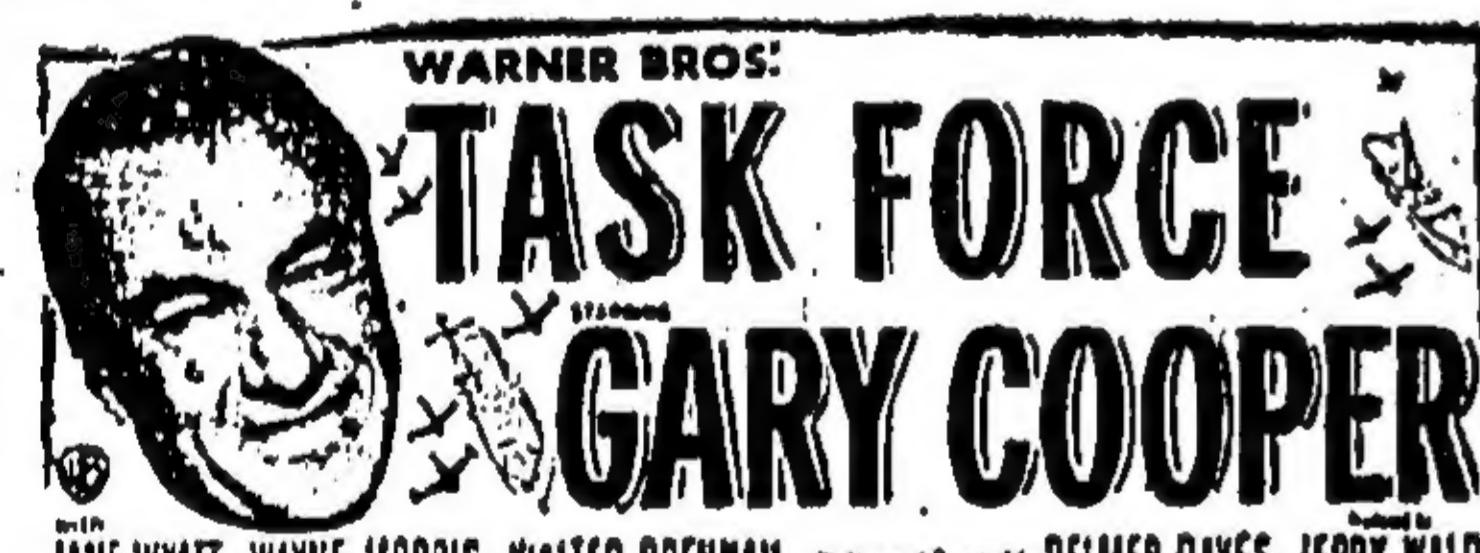


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## Nehru stumbling block in plans for South East Asian Marshall Plan

### Truce in Belgian crisis

Brussels, March 28.  
Defence problems will cause a three-day "truce" in Belgium's crisis over the future of exiled King Leopold, the Liberal Prime Minister-designate, M. Albert Deveze, said tonight.

Even before the five-year-old Royal problem is solved, Parliament may be summoned by M. Gaston Eyskens, the Catholic Premier of the "caretaker" Government, to ratify the arms aid agreement with the United States. Such a meeting is not debarred, M. Deveze said. Ratification of this agreement and the country's defence problems demanded an "urgent solution to our domestic problems," he added.

The Liberal leader, called by the Regent, Prince Charles, to seek a way out of the deadlock when the pro-Leopold Catholics had failed to form a new Government, will report to the Regent on his efforts tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow night he will interrupt his negotiations to go to The Hague for the Atlantic Pact State talks. He hopes to be back in Brussels on Sunday.

"Decisive developments must be expected at the beginning of next week," he said. "I am determined to go to the very outside limit of conciliation in my research of a solution to Belgium's Royal problem," M. Deveze added.

"If I fail, I will have to take decision. It may well be that my decision will necessitate a visit to King Leopold." —Reuter.

### Attlee rejects commission to probe Reds

London, March 29.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today rejected the idea of a Royal Commission to probe Communist spying in Britain in 1946.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, urged this in the House of Commons because of facts that emerged from the trial of the atom spy, Klaus Fuchs, and evidence in the report of the Royal Commission on the Canadian atom spy trial.

After Mr. Attlee had briefly replied "No," Sir Waldron went on to question whether the Prime Minister really meant business when he said that he was anti-Communist.

As a first step, he suggested that Mr. Attlee should apply the same security regulations to members of his war Cabinet, including the War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, as were applied to civil servants.

This brought a rebuke from the Speaker (Chairman), Colonel Douglas Clifton-Brown, who said that he must not make imputations against the patriotism of Members.

Labour Members clamoured for a withdrawal of the remark, but the Speaker said he thought that his rebuke was good enough.

Sir Waldron's reference to Mr.

New York, March 28.  
United States efforts against Communism in the Far East were being blocked by the refusal of the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, to join in a Marshall Aid plan for his part of the world, the "New York Post's" Washington columnist, Mr. Robert E. Allen, wrote today.

Without India, he said, the plan could not hope to succeed.

In Washington the stage had been set for launching a Marshall Plan for the Pacific South East but everything was being stymied by Mr. Nehru, Mr. Allen wrote.

He added, "Hoffman (ECA chief) explained the serious impasse in a talk with Representative Abramoff (Democrat, Connecticut) and Senator William Benton (Democrat, Connecticut). The ECA chief made no secret of his concern."

"Hoffman attributed Nehru's stand to fear of involvement with Russia."

Mr. Allen quoted Mr. Hoffman as having said, "Nehru is determined to be neutral... He feels that participation in a reconstruction programme sponsored by the United States would be considered an affront by the Russians. So he is holding out, although without India, a South East Asia reconstruction programme would not succeed."

Any plan for that part of the world must include India to have any meaning."

The columnist said that Senator Benton pointed out that during his visit to the United States last year Mr. Nehru tried to buy 10,000,000 bushels of surplus wheat at low terms. India needed the grain badly, and the United States was willing to sell.

"But Nehru balked when the State Department proposed tying up the deal to India's taking an active part in the cold war against Russia," Mr. Allen said.

He then quoted Representative Ribicoff as saying, "For Nehru to try to be neutral seems to me sheer folly. In the kind of a world we are living in today, a country of this size and importance of India just cannot be neutral."

Mr. Hoffman did not comment, the columnist continued. Instead, he said that the State Department had overruled his plan to continue the ECA Mission in China even after the change in Government.

In London, meanwhile, three national British newspapers commented in leading articles today on the war in Malaya.

The Conservative "Daily Mail" said, "Now the treacherous Communists are demanding a boycott on the shipment of arms and war materials to Malaya. They want dock workers to keep back equipment which will save our young soldiers' lives."

The Labour "Daily Herald" said, "Good government, thriving trade unionism, improving conditions

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**Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's war leader, today called on Germany and France to clasp hands in concord and, with Britain, build a core to which the free nations of Europe could rally.**

Opening the first foreign affairs debate of the new Parliament, the Conservative chief calmly explained he did not believe that another war was imminent. But he returned to his suggestion of highest level talks with Moscow, insisting: "Those who are responsible must not fail to seize every opportunity. We cannot go on with a policy of hesitation and drift. Every day is precious."

Mr. Churchill said: "I feel that we owe it to our conscience that no door should be closed which might lead to better prospects. The Democracies of the West must be constantly convinced that those who lead them do not despair of peace."

Replying to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's charge that he was irresponsible in recently mentioning Germany in relation to Western Union defence, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I picked my words carefully and I do not wish to modify them in any way today. I see no reason why the Germans should not aid in the defense of their own country and of Western Europe."

He continued: "The Prime Minister accused me last week of irresponsibility in raising the question of Germany—by which I mean liberated Germany—taking part in Western Union

"My feeling is, if the Prime Minister will allow me to say so, that I am as good a judge of these matters as he is.

"I said nothing about the rearmament of Germany and the re-creating of a German Army. But I see no reason why Germany should not aid in the defense of their own country and Western Europe, or that American, British, French and German soldiers should not stand in comradeship as part of a combined system of defense."

Mr. Churchill added: "I see no reason why the Germans should not aid in the defense of their country and Western Europe or that American, British, French and German soldiers should not stand in comradeship as part of a combined system of defense."

Mr. Churchill warned that time was not necessarily on the side of the West. "If there is a breathing space, it would be a grave mistake—perhaps a fatal mistake—to suppose that it will last for more than a few years."

There was no doubt that the passing of time would place the fearful agencies of atomic destruction effectively in Soviet hands. If Russia had 50 atomic bombs "we should get those 50, and fearful experiences far beyond anything we have endured would be our lot."

Mr. Churchill began by reaffirming his Party's intention to continue to support the Government's foreign policy—as we did during the years when we were hopelessly outnumbered."

"So long as the Foreign Secretary marches forward on the broad lines of policy on which we have been agreed he has overwhelming Parliamentary support," Mr. Churchill added.

"The fact that this Government has a precarious existence (a present majority of three) need not hamper him," Mr. Churchill declared.

#### Our conscience

Speaking of British relations with Russia and explaining why he did not believe another war was imminent or inevitable, Mr. Churchill said: "I feel that we owe it to our conscience that no door should be closed which might lead to better prospects."

#### No hope without Germany.

"There can be no hope for united Europe without Germany," Mr. Churchill declared, adding: "There is no hope for Germany except with a free and united Europe."

Recalling his speech at Zurich nearly four years ago, when he said it would be the proud duty of France to stretch forth her hand and lead Germany back into the European family, Mr. Churchill observed:

"Since then the whole structure of West Europe has developed. We are presently to have a meeting at Strasbourg of the European Council and Assembly when, we trust, that in spite of all that has happened French and German hands will be clasped in concord."

Mr. Churchill declared: "I recommend to the House that we should do all in our power to encourage and promote Franco-German reconciliation as an approach to unity—or even perhaps, in some aspects, to union."

"But France, after her tribulations and in her present distressed condition, may not be strong enough to accomplish single-handed her mission. That is why the irreparable relationship between Britain and France must be confirmed and asserted continually in the most effective manner."

"France and Britain, both sorely distressed, could bind together,



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## Integrated defence plan for North Atlantic region

The Hague, March 28.  
The Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty organisation has unanimously agreed on an integrated defence plan for the defence of the North Atlantic area, it was announced here today. A communiqué said that the plan will be submitted to the Defence Ministers at their meeting in The Hague on April 1.

The plan has been developed from the regional plans by the Standing Group, which is in permanent session in Washington and acts on behalf of the Military Committee.

Constantly convinced that those who led them did not despair of peace if they were to take over the measures which preservation demanded in case the worst should come to the worst.

Recalling that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, had described as a stunt his election campaign proposal for another talk with Marshal Stalin, Mr. Churchill declared: "Those who are responsible, as the Foreign Secretary and his principal colleagues are, must not fail to seize any opportunity. We cannot go on with a policy of hesitation and drift. Every day is precious."

Certainly we must try to negotiate from strength and not from weakness. Certainly we must move hand in hand with our Allies and, above all, hand in hand with the United States.

**Fatal mistake**

But if there is a breathing space it would be a grave mistake of a different order—perhaps a fatal mistake—to suppose that even if we have this interlude it will last for ever or last even more than a few years."

"Time and science, those powerful, though not infallible, solvents of human difficulties, are not necessarily on our side."

The communiqué says that the new defence plan "is based on the agreed strategic concept of the North Atlantic Pact countries. It emphasises the responsibilities assumed by each nation to participate, with the maximum forces it can provide, in insuring the continued security of the territories covered by the North Atlantic organisation."

"There is no doubt that the passage of time will place these fearful agencies of atomic destruction effectively in Soviet hands—that is to say, in bands where there is no customary, traditional, moral or religious restraint," Mr. Churchill declared.

"When the last Parliament met, Mr. Churchill had mentioned four years as a period before which any power, other than the United States, might have the atomic bomb. Today he said: "That period has gone by and our position is desperately worse in this matter, both as regards our own safety and the conditions which I believe are effectively preserving the peace of the world."

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The chiefs of staff met here under the chairmanship of General Omar Bradley of the United States not only to approve the defence plan, but for what well-informed quarters said was a comprehensive study of Russia's war potential.

The communiqué did not mention the allocation of ground, sea, and air responsibility among the nations, but informed sources said the general division was:

First, the United States will be responsible for strategic bombing, and will play the role of the "arsenal of the Atlantic."

Secondly, the United States, Britain, France, and the Netherlands take responsibility for naval superiority.

Thirdly, Britain and France supply anti-aircraft and radar screens for Western Europe, and carry out tactical bombing in support of their ground forces and of the communications zone of any aggressor with fighter planes and medium-range aircraft.

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### NEW 125-TON PLASTIC PRESS

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Fifty-five tons of timber have done the work of 79 tons of steel, representing a saving in tonnage of over 30 per cent.

An interesting, self-contained upstroke compression moulding press, fully hydraulic in operation with single lever control for closing and opening, has just been produced by the Turner Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Wolverhampton.

In this press the ejectors are of the mechanical type and fitted for top ejection. Bottom ejectors, which can be adapted for central or side operation, have separate hydraulic resetting.

The capacity of this new press provides a mould closing force of 125 tons maximum with 20 tons minimum, and a mould opening force of 12½ tons maximum with a two tons minimum.

Careful thought has been given to the construction of the details of the press. The tension columns consist of steel plates, and the guides for the moving platen are machined on these columns.

The guide blocks are adjustable for wear and are made from sintered bronze material. The ram takes the form of a piston, the head of which is a close fit into a honed cylinder.

**Pressure built-up**

When the control lever is pulled forward, the press closes at maximum speed until the automatic slow down valve comes into operation. When the press is finally closed the pressure builds up to a predetermined point.

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When the control lever is moved back to the full extent, the moulds open and the ram descends, automatically operating the ejectors at the end of the stroke.

It may be noted that the above operations can be carried out only when the safety guard is closed.

**Hydraulic opening**

The annular space between the piston head is used for opening the press hydraulically.

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The hydraulic system is designed to enable the single high-pressure pump to combine the duties of a low and a high pressure pump.

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The pump is automatically unloaded when final closing pressure is reached.

**Resetting ejectors**

The bottom ejectors are reset by depressing the lever provided.

This operation can be carried out whilst the guard is open. When not in use, the hydraulic resetting ram for the ejectors can be put out of circuit by closing a valve provided for this purpose.

All parts of the machine are machined to a high standard of accuracy and finished to reduce wear to a minimum, and every press is subjected to searching tests under full load before leaving the works.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

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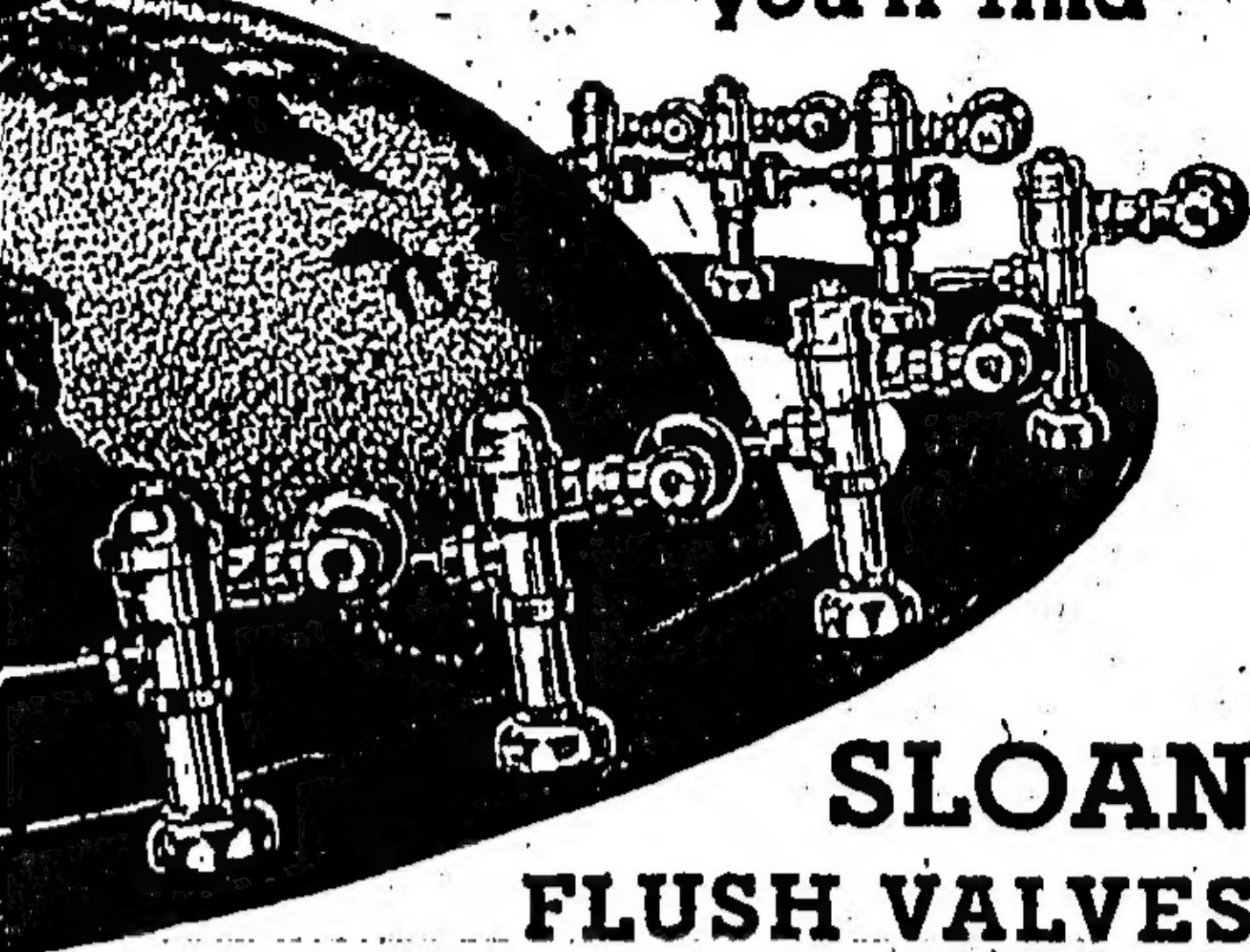
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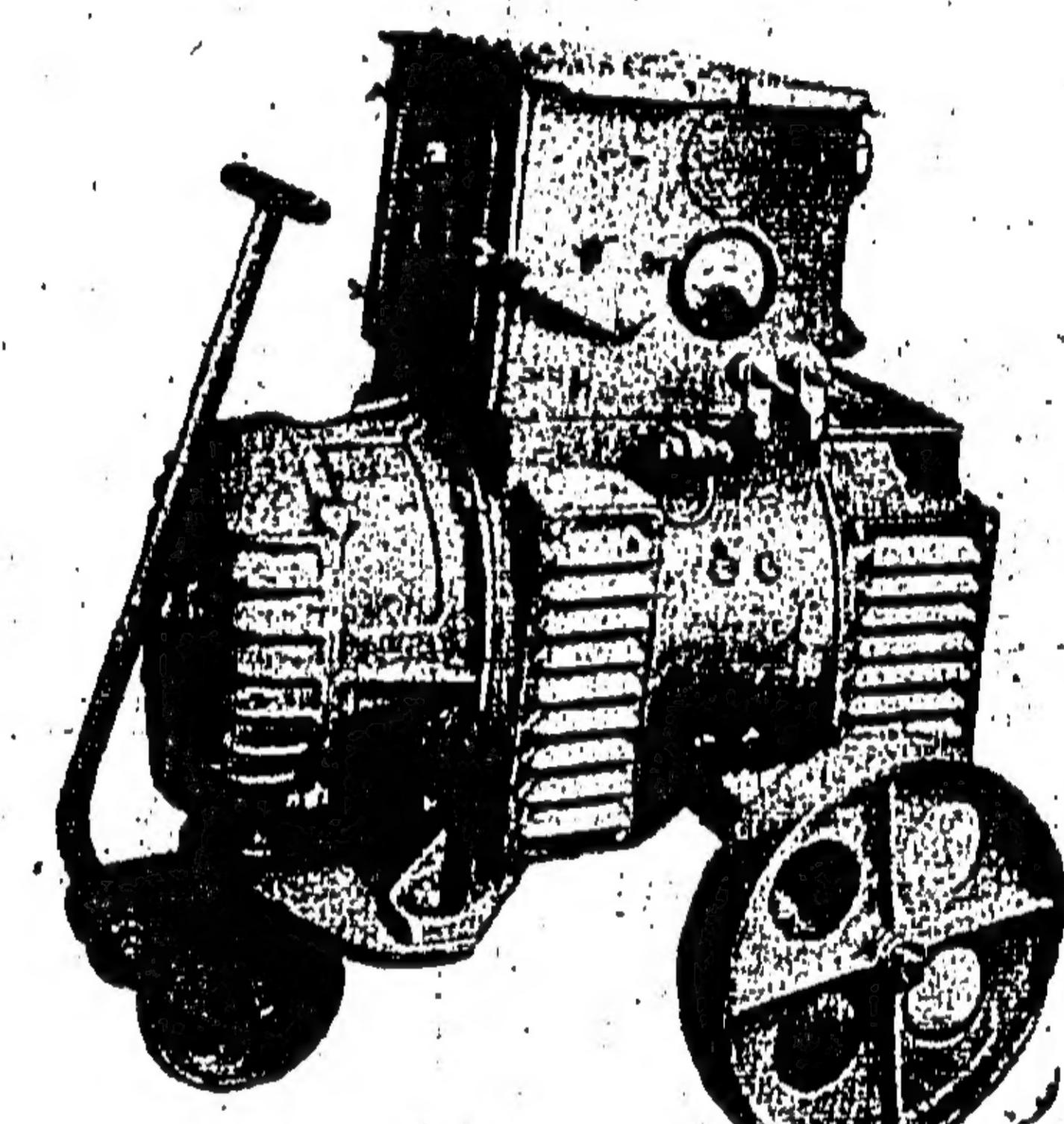
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# STRONG PRESSURE IN U.S. FOR EARLY JAP TREATY

Washington, March 29.

Strong pressure is building up inside the Truman administration for an early peace treaty with Japan.

The Roving Ambassador, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, is understood to have advised State and Defence Department leaders that he considers such a step desirable.

General Douglas MacArthur is authoritatively reported to have expressed the same view to American diplomats who have conferred with him in recent weeks.

Dr. Jessup and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, are to appear before Senate and House Foreign Committee today and the proposed treaty may be discussed then.

The pressures which have been building up may force a decision soon between those who want an early peace treaty—a group principally in the State Department—and those who believe that the treaty project should be shelved in order to prolong indefinitely the present American control over Japan's future and its military position in the Western Pacific. This latter view is held mainly by military officials, for whom the Under Secretary, Tracy Voorhees, has been the leader and advocate.

Mr. Voorhees has resigned his job effective this spring and that fact may, in the view of responsible diplomats, weaken the anti-peace treaty forces to such an extent as to turn the balance decisively in favour of a pact.

**Britain's stand**

The British government took the stand months ago that a treaty should be completed at the earliest possible date.

Such a pact would embrace Japan on the one hand and all her wartime opponents on the other. Russia, however, insists that there be a big power veto over all the treaty terms.

There appears to be general agreement between the State and Defence Departments that American forces will have to be kept in Japan for a good many years, regardless of a peace treaty.—Associated Press.

## Flying boat explodes, killing 10

Bordeaux, March 28.

A Latécoère flying boat exploded in the air, crashed into the sea and disappeared with 10 men on board during a trial flight near here this afternoon.

The aircraft exploded shortly after taking off.

Vessels seeking survivors found only oil.

The aircraft was a Latécoère 631 six-engined flying boat, weighing 73 tons loaded.

The first 631 was confiscated by the Germans and later sunk by bombs on Lake Constance.

A second 631 crashed into the sea on February 22, 1948, with a loss of 19 lives.

A third disappeared 390 miles West of Cape Verde on August 1, 1948, with 52 people on board.

Only the crew and technicians were aboard when today's accident took place.—Reuter.

## FIVE MALAY GUERRILLAS KILLED

Singapore, March 28.

Five Communist guerrillas were killed today in the Segamat area of Johore, Southern Malaya, when troops contacted a band of 100.

Two soldiers were injured.—Reuter.

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## Royal Kiss



Prince Bernhard is greeted with a kiss by his wife, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, as he arrives at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport after a three-month tour of the Western Hemisphere. He flew from New York in a KLM Constellation. Watching at right is one of their four daughters, Princess Margriet.—AP Photo.

## INDIA AND C'WEALTH RELATIONS

London, March 28. The relationship of the Indian Republic within the Commonwealth was going to be one of the greatest benefits to mankind at large from the point of view of stability and economic prosperity, Lord Listowel declared here today.

The former Minister for Colonial Affairs was presiding at a meeting of the East India Association at which the speaker was Mrs. G. Parthasarathi, former Principal of Ethiraj College for Women in Madras.

Lord Listowel said that the political and administrative progress India had made in the last few years was really astonishing. He was specially impressed by the unification of all the 500 odd princely states.

The Indian Government had accomplished in three years what the British Government had been trying to do in a generation.

It had been accomplished, moreover, with the consent and the agreement of the princes—not in the brutal fashion which European States adopted when they united their countries in the Nineteenth Century.

Lord Listowel said that the new Indian Constitution was one of the most progressive documents that any country had ever accepted.

Mrs. Parthasarathi said that, to an infant democracy like India, the fact that fundamental rights were a part of the Constitution was of great value. It made the individual citizen conscious of his rights and put them squarely before him.

The citizen had been given something to fight for, something he would cherish and wish to hand down from generation to generation. It was a reminder to the Government that the State was not an end in itself, but a means to enrich the individual personality.

In the generous, realistic and honourable decision to remain within the Commonwealth, the new democracy was only carrying out the teaching of Mahatma Gandhi, in whose precepts there was no place for rancour, bitterness and hatred once Britain had given up her right to rule the country.

Pandit Nehru, the chief architect of the new India, had shown the same spirit in his approach to the other nations of the world.—Reuter.

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## NEW POST FOR SIR RALPH

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Sir Ronald reaches the normal retiring age of 60 next June.—Reuter.

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**Empire Orwell, Army's  
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The troopship Empire Orwell—the most up-to-date example of the way in which British servicemen and dependants can be carried in peace-time with comfort on long sea voyages—will leave today.

The 18,036-ton former German passenger liner, built at Hamburg and named Pretoria, is taking back to the United Kingdom personnel on furlough or re-assignment and repatriates.

The Empire Orwell, which arrived here over the weekend with replacements for the Colony's garrison, was one of the ships assigned to the United Kingdom by the Tripartite Commission at the end of the war.

She was refitted at Newcastle for service as a troopship. But her Benson boilers, which were an experiment by the German builders, could not be satisfactorily maintained in service. The liner was consequently laid up while technical investigations were made, to overcome the difficulty.

The decision to install new boilers and to adapt the main machinery and fit new materials was met with several difficulties. It would have meant undertaking a major re-conversion job at a time when the shipyards in Britain were fully occupied with the tremendous task of re-converting for normal commercial service the huge fleet of passenger liners and other vessels which had been requisitioned for Government service during the war.

There was also considerable difficulty in finding a suitable shipyard to handle the troopship. The possibility of towing the vessel to a foreign yard was also ruled out. Eventually, she was taken to Southampton.

During her prolonged roosting undergoing refitting, the Empire Orwell was given special attention to bring her as nearly as possible into line with the new post-war standards for troopships.

The Empire Orwell accordingly represents the most up-to-date example of the way in which it is proposed to carry British servicemen and families on long sea voyages in peace-time.

**New features**

Besides provisions for maximum comfort and convenience for all ranks and dependants—now given free passage to overseas stations in much greater numbers than in the past—many new features and improvements have been incorporated. Special attention had been given to space for

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At the helm

At the helm of the Empire Orwell is Captain A. C. G. Hawker, CBE, RNR, RD, who was master of the Ortranto when she picked up survivors of the Tuscan Star, which had been sunk in the Atlantic in 1942. The Ortronto was the target of several air attacks but escaped unscathed. Captain Hawker, who was born in 1889 and who served his apprenticeship with the Orient Line, was aboard the Ortronto at the Sicily invasion and Salerno landings.

The Staff Commander is Commander R. B. Stannard, DSO, RD, RNR, of Loughborough, Essex, who has been with the Orient Line for 21 years. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for "outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty" while serving in the armed trawler Argo during the Norwegian campaign.

Part of the citation reads: "for outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty at Narrows. When enemy bombing attacks had set fire to many tons of hand grenades on Narrows wharf with no shore water supply available, Lieutenant Commander Stannard ran the Argo's bow against the wharf and then endeavoured for two hours to extinguish the fire with hoses from the forecastle. He persisted in the work until the attempt had to be given up as hopeless."

After helping other ships against air attacks he placed his own damaged vessel under the shelter of a cliff, landed his crew and established an armed camp. Enemy aircraft which attacked by day were engaged and one which attempted to force him to steer East when leaving the Ford was brought down." He also received the DSC.

Two years later he was awarded the DSO for successful action against enemy submarines in HMS Vimy.

**RADIO**

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 848 kilocycles per second and on 848 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

P.M.—Broadcast for Schools—Citizens—  
Sciences and Everyday Life.

11.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme.

11.33—"Light Variety".

1.00—Albert Band (Violin), with Cello and Piano.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"From the Shows."

1.40—"Close Down."

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme.

6.02—"London Studio Melodies—The Michelino Orchestra." (BBC)

6.10—"La Dent-House Francaise" (Studio).

7.00—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay).

7.15—"Sports Review" by Bill Phillips (Studio).

7.30—"It From Her" With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBC).

8.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10—"Hong Kong Band Call"—Band of H.M. Commandos—Introduced by Captain David Jones. (Relay from the 9 Dragons Club, Kowloon).

8.40—"At the Opera" — Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Act 2. With the Principal Orchestra and Chorus of Royal Opera House Rome Conducted by Oliviero De Fabritiis.

9.15—"Antarctic Venture"—The Story of the Falkland Island Dependencies Survey. (Recorded Relay).

10.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay).

10.15—"Weather Report".

10.15—"In my Library"—A Talk by Rose Macaulay (BBC).

10.30—"Tuesday Evening"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown.

11.00—"Soft Lights—Bingo Music."

11.15—"Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain" (London Relay Recorded). God Save the King.

11.30—"Close Down."



Princess Christina of Haga, aged 6, daughter of Princess Sibylla of Sweden, started at the well known Stockholm Ballet School of Mrs. Nina Koslovsky, recently. Mrs. Koslovsky, famous in Latvia as "Dombrovka," is very pleased with her Royal pupil and thinks she will make good progress. The little princess is the first member of the Swedish Royal family to study ballet. Photo shows her (front) at practice.—Associated Press Photo.

**Rediffusion**

A.M.—*Up With The Sun*, *Swimming in Australia*.

7.45—*Music Club*.

8.00—*A. Kalie Show*.

8.15—*Rosario Bourdon Symphonies*.

8.30—*Morning Music*.

8.35—*Consort & Y-board*.

11.00—*Music For All*.

11.30—*The Four Knights*.

11.45—*Waltz Time*.

11.45—*Parade of Rhythms*.

P.M.—

12.00—*H.K. Stock Exchange*.

12.10—*H.D.C. School Broadcast*.

12.25—*From The Films*.

1.00—*Light Variety*.

1.15—*News*.

1.30—*Orchestra Of The Week*.

2.00—*Call The Tune*.

2.15—*The Novoline Trio*.

2.15—*Tropicana*.

2.30—*Yesterdays Yours*.

2.30—*Music Makers*.

2.35—*Children's Corner*.

3.10—*Movie Time*.

3.00—*Music by Paul Weston*.

3.15—*Mein Blau Melody*.

3.30—*Norman Coulter and his Memorable Music*.

7.00—*H.D.O. News*.

7.15—*Local News*.

7.15—*Smile Awhile*.

7.30—*Good Souvenir*.

7.45—*Listen to Lebert*.

8.00—*Let's Walk*.

8.15—*The Sweetwood Serenaders*.

9.00—*H.D.O. News*.

9.10—*Local News*.

9.15—*Ring Sing*.

9.30—*Rediffusion Concert Hall*.

10.00—*Star Book*.

10.15—*Starlight Hour*.

11.15—*Star Martin & His Melody*.

11.45—*Stardust*.

12.00—*Close Down*.

**GRANT REDUCED**

London, March 29.

Britain's nationalised air services will receive grants of £6,500,000 from the Government to meet expected deficits in the coming year. It was disclosed to-day.—Reuters.

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## BUDGET DEBATE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 3)

"It only works out at 23 cents a day, and it must be a pretty poor business which does not produce sufficient profit to cover such a small levy."

### A little cride

"This form of taxation is a little cride, but it would in fact constitute a minimum profits tax. It would produce a fairly substantial revenue but it would not cover the Budget deficit, which has now risen to \$1,000,000 for owing to the impossibility of completing payments this year. In respect of the Kai Tak competition on the scale originally contemplated, which was partly due to persons who had agreed to take kind in exchange suddenly deciding to take cash, Select Committee have had no alternative but to recommend the re-vote of a further \$1,305,318 for these payments."

"There is also our contribution towards the cost of the reinforcement of the garrison to be considered, so the proposed business registration fee would require augmentation on quite a considerable scale, perhaps by a modification of Government's original proposal. This, however, will require further examination."

"While it is admitted that there is a large number (probably 50,000 or more) not in school, it is probable that there is no very great number of these who wish to go to school for whom there are no places."

"Government still holds the view that we should aim at a revenue for the coming year of at least \$204 million, and it is proposed to increase the Revenue total to this figure in the final print of the Estimates."

"As I have explained, Government will give further consideration to the manner in which this additional \$12 million should be produced, and in doing so the views expressed by Unofficial Members in the course of the debate will receive full consideration."

"Some legislation will undoubtedly be necessary, and Honourable Members will have a further opportunity for debate when this is introduced."

### MR. TODD

Mr. Todd said:

"The problem of an over-large prison population, with consequent over-crowding, continues to be with us. Preliminary examination shows that the problem to be overcome is mainly one of reducing the number of short-term sentences served in default of the payment of fines for offences against public health, unlicensed hawking, etc."

"A small inter-departmental committee, under the chairmanship of the Solicitor-General, is now sitting to investigate measures which might be taken to effect a reduction in the number of persons serving prison sentences, having regard both for the need for economy and for the desirability of ensuring that respect for law and order is fully maintained."

### Prison labour camp

"If the committee is of the opinion that additional prison accommodation is required, it is empowered to consider whether a differentiation might be made in the type of accommodation; for instance, a prison labour camp, provided for persons imprisoned in default of payment of a fine or for other short-term prisoners."

"Sir Man-kam Lo made some remarks in his speech last Wednesday about the relative cost to Government of pupils in Grant-in-Aid and in subsidised schools, coming to the conclusion that the cost of the former is five times the cost of the latter."

"On the figures quoted the mathematical result arrived at is correct, but it fails to take into account certain factors which the figures themselves do not show. In the first place, Grant-in-Aid covers the whole difference between approved expenditure and income from tuition fees whereas the Subsidy is not less than half the difference."

"Were all schools subsidised 100 per cent, the cost would be \$2,600,000 instead of \$2,300,000. In the second place, the Grant-Aided schools teach in English and employ expatriate staff for whom passages and leave are necessary, and whose salaries are higher, while the local staff also receive 50 per cent higher salaries than their fellow teachers in subsidised schools."

"Were these figures used, the cost would be further increased to \$2,700,000. With increased cost of living allowances the figure would be nearly \$3,000,000, or 27,000 children as against \$3,000,000 in Grant Schools for 17,000 children, or three times as much a child."

"In the third place, in the Grant-Aided Schools 50 per cent of the pupils are receiving secondary education, as against primary education in the subsidised schools."

"The cost for a pupil in the secondary Queen's College is two and a half times as great as the cost in a Government Primary School. Compared in this way there is not quite the discrepancy which the Hon. Member would have us believe."

"The figures for schools in England are Primary £19,112, Secondary £40,739, or two and a half times as great (Hertfordshire County Accountant 10.10.1947). Allowing for the differences in educational standards and the objects of the two schools, it would seem that our expenditure is very much in keeping with that of other places."

### Expenditure

"As regards the proposal that a review of the whole question of Government expenditure for Education should be undertaken, preferably by experts from England, Government is sympathetic towards this request, but would first like to obtain the views of the Director of Education and of the Board of Education. This will be done."

"Dr. S. N. Chau urged that greater efforts should be made further to reduce the large number of children still sending admission to schools. No one could be more in agreement with these remarks than I am, but in the first place there is a limit both to the rate of building and also to the number of children for whom we should provide places.

"It is probable that we now have places for all our real residents, but, obviously, the more people we provide the more people will come into the Colony to take advantage of them."

"While it is admitted that there is a large number (probably 50,000 or more) not in school, it is probable that there is no very great number of these who wish to go to school for whom there are no places."

"It is estimated that there are 200,000 children of 5-14 years of age but that at least 30,000 of these are working and would not come to school in any case. There are nearly 150,000 children in school."

"Two residential schools are educationally unsound and this is being realised by Government. The Director of Education is putting a 10-year plan, which is designed to meet this situation and the shortage of places, before the Board of Education at its next meeting."

"Dr. S. N. Chau suggested that Government give further consideration to the housing of local, as distinguished from expatriate, civil servants."

"It is perhaps not generally recognised that out of a total of some 21,500 Government servants (including approximately 1,000 expatriate officers, 9,500 temporary officers, 4,367 daily paid employees), we provide accommodation for about 4,500, or one-fifth of the total, and that these 3,400 are local officers on monthly or daily pay."

"Mr. Watson has stated that the continuance of the Government monopoly in rice is contrary to the principle of English mercantile practice, and he advocates a return to free trade in this key commodity. But in maintaining the purchase and importation of rice on an inter-Governmental basis Hong Kong does not stand alone."

"The export trade in rice from Siam and Burma is still firmly in the hands of the governments of those countries and we are following a policy which is in line with that of every other rice-importing country in the Far East. The present demand may only be temporary and thereafter the taxpayer might be saddled with a large number of blocks of quarters for whom no occupants could be found. On previous occasions, admittedly many years ago in the nineteen-twenties, when Government rented one or two blocks of quarters for Chinese clerical staff, they did not prove as popular as might be expected and the experiment was abandoned."

"The considerable expansion in the number of Government quarters for expatriate officers since the war was necessitated by the fact that this class of person literally had nowhere to live without recourse to wholesale requisitioning. If Government had not seen there was a danger that the Administration would have been broken down as a result of wholesale resignations. But the local staff are in a different position. They all have somewhere to live, though in many cases that accommodation is inadequate for our expense."

"The fluctuation of the Hong Kong Model Housing Association is a first step in the direction of tackling the problem as a whole, and it is hoped that this will be followed by other similar schemes. Proposals are under consideration for devolving part of the balance of Hong Kong's allocation from Colonial Polytechnic and Welfare Funds to a holding scheme for the lower-paid members of the community."

"The Director of Public Works is already at work on a pilot scheme capable of wider expansion, if the need for increased accommodation continues."

"It is essential that we should receive a guarantee in the shape of a contract with the exporting country for our minimum requirements of rice. This, I am glad to say, has already been done. Our contract for the current year for Siamese rice is already signed."

"From the aspect of security and good house-keeping, it is necessary that adequate stocks of rice should be kept in Hong Kong, and it is only Government which can carry the financial burden of holding so many millions of dollars."

"A committee is being appointed to devise ways and means of counteracting the activities of this ring and bringing down the price of fish."

"Mr. Cassidy said the other day, in another place, that many merchants find price control a thorn in the flesh and that they would like to see the last of it. I think I can truthfully report that the suffering public will like the prices charged by the merchants to be in the pocket, and that they would like to see more price control."

"The Price Controller is accordingly authorised to make fuller use of his powers with a view to stopping the tendency to exploit the consumer."

**Efficient rationing**

"Even if there were adequate rice supplies from the rice-exporting countries to enable the nation to live longer to be fed, it is obvious that potential饥荒 situations, that is, situations of scarcity, can result in a sharp rise in price, and that the Government must at all times be prepared to meet such contingencies."

"The recommendation was eventually implemented in the new [Pensions] Ordinance, No. 50 of 1949, but, as was explained in the Objects and Reasons to the Bill, and further emphasised by the Attorney General in introducing the Bill, this innovation is intended to be regarded as experimental and it has been made clear to officers in the service that there may be a reversal to the previously existing age-limit if the experiment does not prove satisfactory by June, 1951."

"Since the introduction of the experiment in this Colony 35 applications to retire before reaching the normal age of retirement have been received, 22 from expatriate and 13 from local officers. Retirement has been approved in 25 cases, but of these nine had reached the age of 60 and could have retired under the previous legislation which permitted retirement between 50 and 65. The net effect of the introduction of retirement at 45 years, therefore, that 10 officers have taken advantage of it as far as 10 cases are under consideration. I can assure that the situation will be closely watched pending a review in the first half of next year."

**Work on airport**

"Preliminary work in connection with the new airport has started and a Survey Party is now investigating conditions on the site. This survey is likely to take six months. Meanwhile, a number of important and intricate technical problems are being studied and in this we are receiving much valuable assistance and advice from authorities in the United Kingdom. Future progress on this great project depends on the results of the survey which alone can determine whether the site is suitable."

"If it is suitable, as we think it is, a further period of about six months will be required to prepare the first accurate estimates of the ultimate cost of the airport, and these estimates will require consideration by Government."

"While a very rough guess of £4,000,000 has been made, I cannot attach any reliability to this figure, nor, I regret, is it possible at this stage to say when the new airport may be in operation, but it will not be before 1952."

"Mr. Watson has stated that the continuance of the Government monopoly in rice is contrary to the principle of English mercantile practice, and he advocates a return to free trade in this key commodity. But in maintaining the purchase and importation of rice on an inter-Governmental basis Hong Kong does not stand alone."

"The maximum amount of rice which could be produced in the New Territories is such a minute fraction of the Colony's requirements in this connection that Government would prefer to encourage the production of more vegetables rather than rice. This is being done through the Government Marketing Scheme which has been much criticised, but one which Government considers should be continued and one which can and will be improved—and by the supply of fertilisers to the farmers."

"One thing is certain and that is that the quantities of rice which would be available would be limited. Government is giving this matter careful consideration and a further statement will be made in the near future."

"The export trade in rice from Siam and Burma is still firmly in the hands of the governments of those countries and we are following a policy which is in line with that of every other rice-importing country in the Far East."

"It is true that since the end of 1949 the International Emergency Food Committee has no longer been allocating rice on a world basis. But the decision to end allocation by international agreement was taken during the summer of 1949 when food prospects in the Far East looked much brighter than they do today."

**Surplus rice drop**

"Last summer it looked as though rice supplied in the Far East would be sufficient to meet the requirements of all nations."

"Today, due to unfriendly conditions in Burma and Indo-China, South-East Asia's exportable surplus of rice has dropped from 5,000,000 tons pre-war to what

in 1950 is unlikely to be more than 2,000,000 tons. While China, always a deficiency territory in rice, is faced with what has been described as possibly one of the worst famines in her history."

"The need to secure supplies of rice for this area is very grave,

and in a few months it may be desperate. Government would be failing in its duty if in these circumstances it took the slightest risk where feeding the population of Hong Kong is concerned."

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"Mr. C. E. Terry invited Government's attention to the publicly recently given to alleged exorbitant rent demands which are being made on farmers in the New Territories, and pointed out that the harmful effect such demands would have on the efforts to make the Colony self-supporting in vegetables aid to reduce the cost to the consumer."

**Exaggerated reports**

"The District Commissioner stated that, in his view and that of his District Officers, the reports of farmers being exploited by their landlords are greatly exaggerated. In fact, no complaints had reached his office regarding rent increases."

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## STABLE ECONOMY IN MANCHURIA REPORTED

San Francisco, March 28.

Peking Radio claimed tonight that stable economy in Manchuria had enabled the North East People's Government to allocate 42 per cent of total expenditure in its 1950 budget to industrial reconstruction.

At the same time this same Government was supporting the war effort by sending its huge grain surplus to areas south of the Great Wall, the Radio added.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A very quiet day.

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Shanghai Sumatra .00n.  
Sia Mangis 10b.  
Sungai Duris 17-18.  
Tanah Merah .55b, .65b.  
Tepong Rubbers .55b.  
Zianglae Rubbers .50n.

DR. NEWTON  
Mental Hospital

Dr. I. Man-kam, the Director of Medical Services, replying to Dr. H. N. Chau's criticism of the condition of the Mental Hospital, said by the nature of its circumstances the hospital must have a somewhat prison-like effect on any patient, especially where the visitor does not have experience of mental cases, the majority of whom belong to the reformatory wards.

Referring to Dr. Chau's proposal that a commission of inquiry should be appointed on administration of the hospital, following the recent death of an inmate, Dr. Newton said a full coroner's inquest was held, assisted by a jury. All available facts were laid before the court at no time during which they did the coroner or any member of the jury suggest that the administration of the hospital was at fault.

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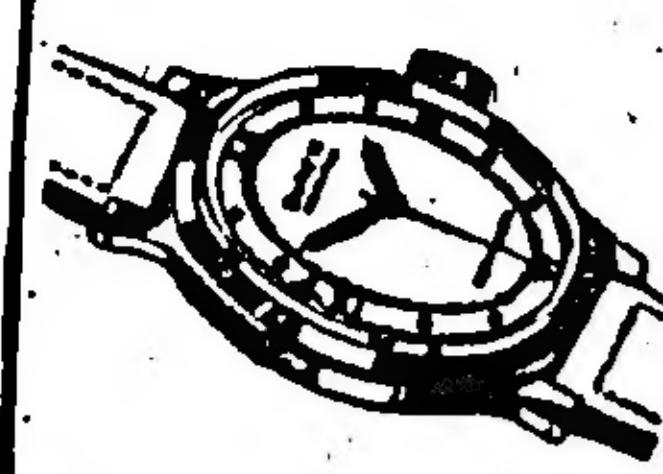
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## CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1950.

## THREE MORE BADMINTON FINALS DECIDED

Robert Tay and Mario Ribeiro, retained their Colony Senior Mixed Doubles Badminton title for the second year in succession, defeating P. H. Wong and Helen Kwong 15-10, 15-10 in the final last night.

J. A. Soares of St. Theresa became the new Men's Junior Singles champion when he triumphed over schoolboy Benzin Saw 15-8, 18-17.

University's S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheung secured the Men's Junior Doubles title at the expense of Chung Wah's Arthur Ho and K. F. Chiu by 15-3 and 15-9.

The Senior Mixed Doubles final turned out to be a battle of wills as P. H. Wong and Robert Tay matched their experience and courtcraft against each other. Each did not hesitate for a millisecond whenever an opening was made and as a result there were only very few rallies during the match. While Tay was prominent with smashes and drives, Wong was equally brilliant with some beautiful cross-net shots and cross-drives. The slight steadiness of Mario Ribeiro with his services and her play at the forecourt over Helen Kwong who was a little indisposed on the occasion decided the issue in favour for the champions.

Winning the toss, Marie served to a lead of 4-0 before relinquishing her service. Wong and Kwong drew level to 4-all, only to see their opponents race ahead to 10-4. The challengers again made a gallant recovery to catch their opponents up to 10-11. The champions, however, playing more carefully scored the next four points for their first set.

Tay and Ribeiro again took the lead in the second set and soon brought it from 4-1 to 10-2. Wong and Kwong rallied back with some beautiful net shots and half-court drops to take the score to 8-10. The champions steadied up, added two more points on their next services, and ultimately took the set at 15-10.

## Junior Singles

Schoolboy Benzin Saw failed to reproduce the form which brought him successfully through his earlier rounds. The second set saw a glimpse of his brilliance with half-court lobs and erratic smashes at the crucial moments spelled his defeat.

Soures on the other hand, won personalisation of sturdiness, judiciously choosing the shots for his smashes, and countering his opponent's shots with accurate drops. Although Saw opened the service, it was Soures who took the lead to 6-1 after six changes of service. He went on to 9-3, 12-0, 14-0 and finally 15-8.

Saw made extra efforts in the second set, and with greater accuracy gradually brought the score to 6-1, 6-1, 7-2, 10-2, and

A. Rashid Abbas.

## FINAL INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

The final Interport Hockey trial will be held at King's Park tomorrow, commencing at 5.15 p.m. sharp, when the Interport XI will meet Rest of the Colony selection.

The Interport team will play in colours and the Rest in white jerseys.

## Hockey:

## Interport trial disappointing

(By "KIMBERLEY")

How the Colony will fare against Macao in the inter-port hockey match on Sunday, still remains a very open question.

At King's Park yesterday, the interport team beat the Rest of the Colony by four goals to nil, but the match indicated little. It was, to say the least, disappointing.

There is little to quibble about the selection. In fact, the team as it stands, is about the strongest the Colony can muster. But how will it fare as a team against another team—with the other team being the Hockey Club de Macao?

There was little testing done in yesterday's match.

The Rest of the Colony proved a feeble side as a sparing partner and, as the result shows, was given a gruelling time by the Army quartette of Humphreys, Daniels, Gardner and MacKenzie.

The Rest could not bring out the punch to test Nery and Webb in the defence.

Ponniah will certainly not have the holiday that he enjoyed yesterday.

But even at that, the Rest was able to initiate the first attacking movement yesterday.

Shallow, the Rest's centre-forward, worked the ball forward from the first bully. Nery faltered and a short corner was awarded against the Interport team, but without result.

The Rest pressed steadily with Eric Gibbons, centre-half, distributing well.

Webb, however, neutralised every dangerous thrust.

## Little enterprise

Play worked up fast, but little enterprise developed on either side.

After the first 10 minutes had gone by, the individual superiority of the Interport side began to show.

The first goal came by Gardner, who tapped a weak shot that went in more by luck than skill.

The Rest kept a close watch on the Interport forwards, with Trace, in particular, playing a brilliant defensive game at right-half.

This Commando back was later to bear the brunt of the Interport onslaught—in the second half—with distinction and with a performance that by far singled him out as the outstanding defender on the field.

Trace's efforts kept the score at one to nil for the first half.

After the interval, the Interport side showed first signs of settling down.

Reed and Marsh dealt effectively with the persistent aggressiveness of McMullen and Shallow.

Accurate feeding

Marsch especially was conspicuous with his clear tackling and accurate feeding.

The Interport forwards went through with little opposition, except for Trace and his partner Ollard.

Daniels netted the second goal with a shot that had Smith beaten.

Two other goals came from the stick of Gardner in quick time to clinch the score at four to nil in two fruitful short corners.

The game yesterday provided some exercise. If nothing else, greater benefit would have been derived if the Interport side were pitted against, say, a combined Club da Recreio.

## EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, March 28.

Exhibition baseball scores: St. Louis, National 8 Philadelphia, National 21.

Cincinnati, National 12 Detroit 7.

Boston, National 9 New York, American 5.

Birmingham, Southern Association 12 Washington, American 11.

Cleveland, American 4 New York, National 2.

Chicago, National 4 Pittsburgh, National 0—Associated Press.

The management of the Liverpool racetrack objected to the F.A. Cup Semi-final being played on March 25th as it clashed with the Grand National. Personally I think Interport were right in this complaint.

Interviewed in his box one said: "Ever since I was whipped by a jockey I've always been a football fan because

The horse Continued: "I really think it is about time I saw other people - I want to go to a football match and - tall down because they tell me at that game he is the best in our business."

## Softball:

## Shell to face Gibbs in crucial game

Jaguars commence the final lap in the current Senior League play-off series when they tangle with St. Joseph's again this week while Braves meet Americans in the other attraction.

In the Inter-Hong loop, Shell face Gibbs in a crucial game and Stanvac clash with the San Miguel Brewers.

The Men's Junior League play-

off has been fixed for Saturday, April 8, at 4.00 p.m. when the Blackhawk will meet the Jaguars in an elimination game, the winners to play the Rexes on Monday, April 10, for the championship.

The Gibbs v. Stanvac game which was postponed last week, will now be played off on Thursday, April 8, at the CBA Ground at 4.00 p.m.

The Wildcats, who have never sunk further than second place in the team's history, is this season being threatened with demotion to the cellar, unless they can pick up at least another win.

Their game against the Maple Leafers this week will decide this.

Full programme for week-end as follows:

## MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF

SUNDAY: CBA GROUND

1:00 p.m. Braves v. Americans.

2:30 p.m. St. Joseph's v. Jaguars.

## LADIES SENIOR LEAGUE

SUNDAY: CBA GROUND

4:00 p.m. Canadians v. Wildcats.

## LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

SATURDAY: CBA GROUND

2:15 p.m. Squaws v. McTyeireans.

## INTER-HONG LEAGUE

SATURDAY: CBA GROUND

3:45 p.m. San Miguel v. Stanvac.

## SUNDAY: CBA GROUND

10:00 a.m. Civil Service v. Union Ins.

11:30 a.m. Shell v. Gibbs.

## RECREIO FOOTBALL GROUND

2:30 p.m. Mercantile Bank v. Calix.

## MIDGET LEAGUE

SATURDAY: RECREIO F/B GROUND

2:15 p.m. Mohawks v. Black Arrows.

3:45 p.m. Lions v. Black Hawks.

## SUNDAY: RECREIO F/B GROUND

1:30 a.m. Saints v. Delawares.

1:00 p.m. Aces v. Dodgers.

2:45 p.m. Falcons v. Blue Birds.

## Batting averages

LATEST BATTING AVERAGES:

## MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

G. AB. H. AV.

Ren Sequeira 15 54 23 .426

Spiky Gutierrez 15 45 18 .400

Tony Osmund 15 45 18 .400

I. Erikson 14 49 32 .388

Eric Guest 17 60 23 .383

## LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

C. Arnulphy 11 38 17 .447

Gloria Silva 11 30 18 .301

Lella Gaan 10 41 14 .341

Carmen Souza 8 34 12 .353

V. Gonzales 9 25 7 .280

## League standings

League Table to date:

## MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

Preliminary Round

Won Lost Potg

St. Joseph's 12 2 .857

Jaguars 10 3 .714

Americans 10 4 .714

Braves 10 4 .714

US Navy 9 5 .642

Macapde 8 6 .571

Canadians 8 6 .571

Overseas 7 7 .500

Pandas 7 7 .500

Chung Hwa 5 8 .583

Pak Sports Club 5 9 .583

Dare-devils 12 18 .167

Baseballots 1 12 .077

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